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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the January 4, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application, such extension allowing the undersigned until April 4, 2001 to respond.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$110.00 one-month extension fee and any other fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 19-2386.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

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